



## MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

March 2024 – The March MNS meeting will be held at our traditional location and time, Thursday, March 21, at 6 PM in the Mayfair Mall Community Room. Members are welcome to bring show and tell items (non-numismatic featured), and we again hope to do officer induction.

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*The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are now held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month.*

**March Coin of the Month:** For March, we have five circulated silver walking liberty half dollars as shown, donated to MNS by our long-time member Lee Hartz. With silver at nearly \$25/oz, this set is worth about \$40. Bidding will start at \$10 for the lot.





### March 2024 MNS President's Message

It is now confirmed that the Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic will be held in a meeting room of the Brookfield Sheraton on April 21<sup>st</sup> during the SSCC show. Volunteers will be needed, so please let Leon know if you can help. The clinic should run from 7AM until about 12:30PM, after which all volunteers will be treated to lunch.

The Club recently purchased a copy of Donald Kocken's book (the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition) on coin collection boards. You may recall he had a large display of these on view at our show in November. Don recently sold the entire collection to another local collector who currently plans to keep it intact and available for exhibit. This book will prove to be a valuable resource for future reference since a collection like this probably will not come together again anytime soon.

The March meeting will involve the always interesting activity of non-numismatic show and tell. Please consider bringing along something new and unusual. I'll have to think about it, I don't know yet what interesting segment of my collection I might bring in.

The monthly meetings program calendar has filled out nicely for the year. Please take a look at it to see what to expect for each of the upcoming meetings. However, what remains relatively empty is the refreshment calendar. Please consider pitching in to bring something for you and your fellow members to snack on. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate, and you are fully reimbursed up to \$60 for the costs. Just save your receipt, bring it to Chris, and he will cut you a reimbursement check that night.

As mentioned last time, a Sergeant-at-Arms is still needed to fill that vacant position. This is perhaps the easiest way to help your Club with the least amount of time commitment. Please consider helping us to fill this position by letting me know if you are interested.

Happy Collecting,  
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Medal commemorating the pilgrimage of Pope Paul VI to the Holy Land in January 1964. The reverse shows the Armenian bell tower at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Bronze, 60 mm, 89.25 g. Published in the July-Aug 1999 issue of *The Shekel*.



# MN\$ 2023

## Schedule

Monthly meetings for the calendar year will proceed as scheduled. Our meetings will continue to run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

## Monthly meeting programs

Jan 18:	New Officer Inductions
Feb 15:	Open
March 21:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
April 18:	Tom C. on Relic Medals
May 16:	Spring Auction
June 20:	Coin Talk with Andy Kimmel
July 18:	Open
Aug 15:	ANA Show Recap/Show & Tell
Sept 19:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 17:	Autumn Auction / MNS 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party
Nov 21:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Dec 19:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

## Annual Dues

Dues for 2024 are \$10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886. Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

## Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

## 2024 Numismatic Events

March 10:	Waukesha Coin Show New Berlin Ale House, 9 AM-4 PM
March 24:	Appleton Coin Show Hilton Paper Valley Hotel 333 W. College Ave, 9-4 PM
April 21-27:	National Coin Week 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
April 21:	SSCC Coin Show & Scout Clinic Sheraton Hotel Brookfield 9-4PM
April 21:	Wisconsin Valley CC Show Holiday Inn Rothschild 1000 Imperial Ave, 9-4 PM
May 1-4:	Central States Coin Show Schaumburg, IL
Aug 6-10:	ANA World's Fair of Money Rosemont, IL
Aug. 16-17:	Club Trip to Higgins Museum of National Bank Notes? (Okoboji, IA)
Nov. 10:	MNS/NOW Coin Show 9-4 PM Sheraton Hotel Brookfield

## Refreshment Schedule

Jan 18:	Open
Feb 15:	John B.
March 21:	Open
April 18:	Jordan H.
May 16:	Open
June 20:	Open
July 18:	Open
Aug 15:	Open
Sept 19:	Open
Oct 17:	Open
Nov 21:	Open
Dec 19:	Christmas Party

*Note: Your editor just visited our long-time member Lee Hartz who is now living in Mequon. Lee is doing well at the present time. He donated this month's COTM auction items to MNS as well as several items which we will offer as door prizes in the coming months. Please join me in wishing Lee well at his new residence.-LAS*



## **Milwaukee Numismatic Society Minutes February 15, 2024**

The 1,046th meeting of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society was called to order by MNS President Justin Perrault at 6:05 pm, February 15, 2024 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. In attendance were 19 members. Door prizes were won by: Dave G., Josh W., Tom S., Tom C., and John B.

**Coin of the Month:** A 2019 Proof Set was auctioned off with a winning bid of \$25 by Mike K.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The January 2024 financial report showed receipts of \$333.00 and disbursements of \$1,403.61 for a negative cash flow of \$1,070.61. The Show account had receipts of \$164.05 in January.

### **Vice-President Report**

The refreshment schedule is open for the rest of the year for members to volunteer to bring something to eat and drink.

Volunteers, or suggestions for programs, are available for the months of April, July and August.

If you can, please contact Jim H or Justin P to volunteer for refreshments or programs.

Leon S updated the membership on the Scout Clinic. It is scheduled to coincide with the SSCC show on April 21 at the Sheraton Hotel – Brookfield.

### **Fantasy Numismatics**

Awards were presented to John B and Tom C for their 2023 picks. The 2024 Fantasy Numismatic picks will be due April 2024.

The MNS / NOW Coin Show flyers are available. The combined MNS/NOW show will be held on November 10 at the Sheraton Hotel – Brookfield.

The membership approved the nomination of Robert Flath as a new member of MNS..

### **Show and Tell**

Just P brought in a 1930 Betsy Ross certificate; Jordan H shared coins he purchased at the Canadian Mint; Bruce B shared a "Mint Set" of Hadrian ancient coins; Tom S brought in a American Liberty Medal he purchased from the US Mint; Tom C shared a Wisconsin State Fair medal; Simon G brought in some finds he purchased at antique stores; Leon S brought in a Challenge Coin of Gary Wetzel (Medal of Honor winner); Chris K shared a display of US Silver Dollars that are 100 years old (1921-2021 and 1922-2022).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Heinrich, MNS Vice President



## Tour of the Royal Canadian Mint in Winnipeg

By Jordan Heller

On January 6, 2024, I was able to visit the Royal Canadian Mint branch in Winnipeg. I was visiting some friends in Fargo, ND, to celebrate the New Year and we decided to take a day trip up to Canada. It was my very first time in that country and I knew that visiting the RCM was a priority.

The Winnipeg branch of the Royal Canadian Mint was established in 1976. Previously, all Canadian coins were produced at the facility in Ottawa, but the opening of the branch in Winnipeg helped provide closer access to mines in Canada's western provinces. Today, the Winnipeg Mint creates coins for circulation, while the Ottawa Mint produces proof sets and other numismatic coins. The RCM also produces coins for dozens of other countries, the flags of which can be seen as you approach the Winnipeg Mint's parking lot. For example, I noticed a large bin of coins on the production floor that were to be sent to Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. At one point in the 1990s, the RCM even provided planchets to the United States Mint due to a shortage at our own mint facilities.



The modern RCM in Winnipeg



Jordan becomes "Pure Silver"

When my friend and I toured the Winnipeg Mint, it was a Saturday and therefore not a production day, but visitors were nonetheless asked not to take photographs of the production line that was visible through large floor-to-ceiling windows. It was still a very impressive facility, and the tour guide was very knowledgeable and informative about the process and products of Canadian coinage. She explained how the bimetallic \$2 coin is made from two different metals that are held together by a closely guarded trade secret and how the RCM was the first of its kind to create a glow-in-the-dark coin and the first general circulation coin of any kind in the world to include colorization: the 2004 Remembrance Day nickel which



featured a red poppy design on the reverse. She also related the story of when Canada was going to replace its \$1 banknotes with coins in 1987, the design on the reverse was originally going to feature that of the Voyageur Dollar that saw circulation from the 1930s to 1986. Unfortunately, the dies for that design for the new coin were stolen and never recovered, so the RCM had to quickly scramble for a new design. Thus the iconic “Loonie” dollar coin was introduced and has become a Canadian icon ever since.

One highlight of the tour was a brief history of Queen Elizabeth II’s legacy on Canadian coinage. Having reigned from 1952 to 2022, she was the longest-reigning monarch whose image appeared on Canadian coins. As such, her portrait was a common sight for generations of Canadians, and from the time of her death to her son Charles III ascending to the throne, her portrait remained on Canadian coins. During that period, her portrait was accompanied by four diamonds representing the four different portraits that depicted her advancing in age and the years of her reign. 2022 uncirculated sets also included a special \$2 coin where the traditional copper-nickel edge was toned black to represent a mourning band for the deceased queen. The tour guide informed us that the new series of Canadian coins featuring Charles III’s portrait would be released the following Tuesday!

No mint tour would be complete without a visit to its gift shop, and the Winnipeg Mint’s did not disappoint. I acquired one of the aforementioned 2022 uncirculated sets as well as a \$20 silver coin that honored Elizabeth II’s memory. The only visible silver portion of the coin was a unique montage of the four portraits of the Queen on the obverse; the rest of the coin was toned black through a special rhodium plating. I also acquired a 2023 proof set that contains a silver \$1 coin to commemorate the life of journalist Kathleen Coleman. The gift shop also offered gold coins of various denominations whose gold came from a single mine in Manitoba—a rarity for gold coins from any country that produces them. Unfortunately, I did not purchase one, but knowing in hindsight that I could have gotten it for less due to the exchange rate between the Canadian and American dollars is a major regret!

Whereas the remainder of my brief sojourn into Canada was eventful as I got to eat authentic poutine, grab a coffee and donut at a Tim Horton’s, and acquire some Winnipeg Jets hockey apparel, the visit to the Royal Canadian Mint was definitely a standout. I appreciated the opportunity to visit another country’s mint and I hope to get more opportunities to do the same in the future.



**RCM Glow-in-the-Dark coin**



**Queen Elizabeth II with her coins**





# Eagles a Reflection of United States History

The eagle has long enjoyed a cherished spot on U.S. coinage – from scrawny to dignified, the bald eagle continues to endure as a symbol of the nation's majesty. Ted Schwarz, in an article titled, "The Eagle In American Coinage," in the March 1965 issue of *Coins* magazine, wrote:

"The eagle, symbol of power, action, swiftness and strength has, for many years, lent its picture to many pieces of American coinage. The eagle has, over its many years of appearance on American coins, reflected the troubles of the times during which it made its appearance ... Our country was a little, not-too-powerful nation in those early years, and the eagle that appeared on our coins tended to add to this picture of our nation. The bird made its appearance [on the 1794 coins] as a scrawny, not-too-strong, but ever-alert, ever-watching bird. The wings of the bird are outstretched and the bird seems to be almost awakening to the dawn of a new day.

"By 1798, our picture of America as well as the picture of the American eagle, had changed. Both the eagle and our country had developed, and both were sticking-out their chests and asserting themselves in the world.

"The eagle now could be seen as a massive power standing behind the shield of liberty and peace, ready to defend the rights of free people, anywhere. The eagle, after four short years, was on its way to manhood, and it was going to take the United States right along with it.

"1836 and the United States was on the move. Aside from the differences between the North and the South that still hadn't erupted into war, the United States was acquiring land and power throughout the world. The eagle, too, was on the move. Depicted by Mr. Christian Gobrecht, the eagle took to the air in an effort to strengthen the position of its country. Still a little bit scrawny when



The 1794 dollar sported a decidedly scrawny eagle.  
(Image courtesy Heritage Auctions.)

compared to the eagles of today, the eagle of 1836 had power and courage that was equal to any challenge that it was necessary to face in the world around.

"From 1840 to 1916 the eagle rested immobile behind a shield of peace. Although there was a great deal of strife in this country, the eagle had faith in our leaders and didn't seem to interfere in the affairs of state.

"In 1916, the world situation became a little rougher than was pleasant for the United States, and so, under the guiding hand of Mr. Herman A. MacNeil, the eagle took to the air to see what could be done about the problem of a World War. A more mature eagle, it was, that took to the air in those days of trial and tribulation for the people of the United States.

"The eagle on the Standing Liberty Quarter took-off to guide the people of the United States through the years of war, through a depression, and to relative recovery.

"In 1921, a different type of eagle made its appearance on the peace dollar. This eagle was designed by Mr. Anthony de

Francisci and has never been equaled, as far as the author is concerned, for beauty and magnificence in an eagle designed for peace time.

"The eagle rests on a rock facing the east, the area of the start of a new day. He is strong, brave, a symbol of encouragement for those people everywhere who are free from tyranny and oppression, and a symbol of hope for those who are under the domination of totalitarian rule.

"To encourage the free peoples everywhere, two more eagles have appeared on the American scene, one in 1916 on the reverse of the [Walking] Liberty Half Dollar, and the other on the reverse of the Washington Head Quarter. Both these eagles are standing with their wings unfurled, facing the dawn of a new day, and with their breasts bared as a shield against the wrath of the foes of those people, everywhere, who hold freedom and democracy above all other factors.

"The ideals and freedoms which we Americans hold so dear have been personified in our coinage throughout the years."

The pages of *Coins* magazine, in the 1960s, contained many ads for useful items for the collectors, such as floor safes, coin holders and important reference works. But there were a few oddballs.

One of my favorites in the oddball category was the "Universalis Numismatica Domestica" (known by its common name "Numismatic Bug" or "Coin Bug"). A full page advertisement for the bug – available depicted on gold-plated, hand-painted tie tacks; lapel pins; as a plain emblem; or as a ladies' charm – noted:

"The Numismatica Domestica was introduced into the United States in 1590 and is now found in all of the 50 states. It is one of the oldest known forms of universal insects and has





The eagle on the reverse of the Peace dollar looked forward to calmer times. (Image courtesy Heritage Auctions.)



The Universalis Numismatica Domestica, or Coin Bug.

changed very little through the centuries. This bug prefers to live in close contact with man, and there is no known escape once he has bitten. The germ transmitted by the insect is highly contagious and has been known to pleasantly infect entire families.

"Among the bug's distinguishing characteristics are the distinctive markings embedded on its back, symbolic of its world travels. Its two pair of wings allow it to fly swiftly and silently from one happy victim to another. His three pair of legs permit him to crawl from table

to table during numismatic gatherings, spreading his germ.

"Recent surveys show that the disease carried by the Numismatica Domestica is becoming widespread, and that those it has bitten are banded together comparing symptoms."

Price was \$2.98 each.

Another in this category could have been useful if you were being robbed. It was called Rebuff. The advertisement in the March 1965 *Coins* magazine, with a dramatic image of the product in action, explained:

"Rebuff is a revolutionary new human and animal repellent in a 1-oz. metal container no larger than a tube of lipstick. Rebuff releases a spray of liquid, effective up to 20 ft., onto the attacker causing a burning sensation rendering him harmless for 10 to 15 minutes. It is said to leave no after effects and no permanent damage. Rebuff fires up to 25 times without refills."

It was priced at \$1.98.

Oddball news items also found their place as fillers in the magazine. Some were numismatics-related and others were not. One of my favorites in the February 1965 issue was the following from the "Zat-So?" column by Charles V. Mathis:

"Have you ever doubted the adage, 'It Pays to Advertise?'"

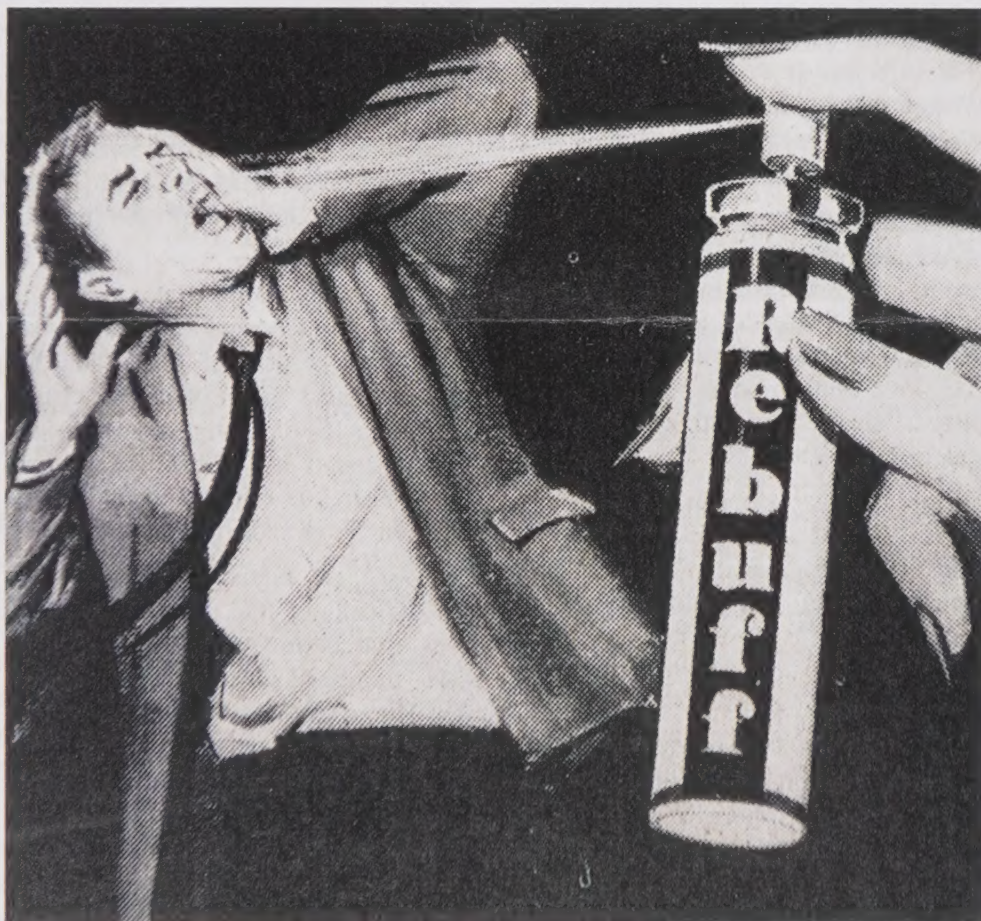
"A western bank believes in turning such a financial annoyance as a bank robbery into good advertising copy.

"This bank had a window display with \$54.50 in cash accompanying it as a realistic touch.

"A sign over it read: 'This is the interest that \$100 will bring in ten years if invested with us.'"

"A thief, who evidently did not believe in waiting 10 years for the interest, smashed the window and took the money, whereupon the bank immediately put another sign in the window.

"This sign read: 'If the culprit deposits the \$54.50 immediately, his money in ten years will have earned \$30.80 to begin life on when he gets out of the penitentiary.'"



Sure to scare away would-be robbers was a product called Rebuff.